This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (original) A cosmetic bandage comprising:
  - a transparent backing layer having a top side and a bottom side;

    a transparent adhesive layer applied to the bottom side of the transparent

backing layer;

- an absorbent pad having a bottom side and a top side, the top having a non-toxic pigmented composition applied to it so as to be
- derma matching and having a melanin likeness and appearance so
- as to substantially match human skin tones and colors, the top side
- of the absorbent pad being attached to the bottom side of said
- backing layer so as to be visible therethrough; and
- at least one removable strip applied to the bottom side of said
- backing layer and said pad.
- 2. (original) The bandage of claim 1 wherein the adhesive is pressure sensitive.

- 3. (original) The bandage of claim 2 further including a plurality of removable strips.
- 4. (original) The bandage of claim 3 wherein the pigmented portion comprises a plurality of pigments blended to provide skin matching capability.
- 5. (original) The bandage of claim 3 wherein the pigments are imbedded in the pad.
- 6. (original) The bandage of claim 3 wherein the pigments are coated on the pad.
- 7. (currently amended) A method of constructing a cosmetic bandage comprising:
  - forming an absorbent pad having a bottom side and a top side; applying a non-toxic pigment to the top and bottom sides side of the pad; and attaching the pigmented top side of the pad to a transparent backing layer.
- 8. (original) The method of claim 7 further including the step of applying an adhesive to the backing layer prior to attaching the pad.

- 9. (original) The method of claim 8 including the step of providing a removable and disposable strip over the adhesive layer.
- 10. (original) The method of claim 9 including the step of applying the pigment to the pad by a silk screening process.
- 11. (original) The method of claim 9 including the steps of applying the pigment by a flood printing process.